

# RAIDED GERMAN BARRACKS BLASTED AGAIN

## VERY HEAVY BOMBER ATTACK UPON GERMAN CAPITAL LAST NIGHT

### OTHER GERMAN POINTS AND FRENCH INVASION COAST ALSO BLASTED

By RICHARD McMURRAY  
Associated Press War Editor.

Berlin burned today from more than 2,240 tons of bombs dropped in a very heavy attack by the RAF last night, and U. S. heavy bombers extended the assault to Southwest Germany by day as a great parade of allied planes blasted the French invasion coast.

Central and western Germany and northern France were stabbed during the night by Mosquito bombers, and Nazi waters were mined. A thick cloud cover over Berlin thwarted German night fighters and British bombers were held to a low 20. The staggering assault on Berlin may well have finished it off as the working capital of Germany.

The air ministry said crews reported that the bombing was concentrated and that large fires were seen with smoke rising to over 16,000 feet.

A third Russian winter offensive on the lower Dnieper rushed the German lines nine miles beyond Zaporozhe and posed a threat to the manganese center of Nikopol.

Near Zhitomir.

Vatutin's First Ukrainian Army drove in a dozen miles, capturing Korosten. Red army spearheads were within five miles of Zhitomir and 10 of Berdichev.

The Eighth Army pushed a mile forward toward the Italian port of Pescara on the Adriatic and the British Army made short advances on the mountain spine of Central Italy, the Algiers communiqué said.

Allied air might smote Certaldo, Orvieto, Bucine and Foligno above Rome. Rimini on the Adriatic coast was hit by the British.

The smashing British naval triumphs suggested a deterioration in fighting spirit in the dwindling German navy, who the disaffection started the collapse of the reich in 1918. Berlin asserted lately that five British destroyers had been sunk in the Bay of Biscay, although the admiralty mentioned no destroyers engaging the Nazis.

U. S. Navy bombers participated in the Bay of Biscay battle in which two British cruisers outgunned, out-fought and outbluffed a superior force of 11 German destroyers.

Bulgarian Tito.

Yugoslav Partisans said they defeated a Bulgarian unit on the Greek border and that many Bulgarians had fled.

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## VETERAN ATTORNEY, DAYTON MOSES, DIED FT. WORTH THURSDAY

### FORMER COWHAND ROSE TO TOP RANK AMONG LAWYERS OF TEXAS

FORT WORTH, Dec. 30.—(P)—Dayton Moses, 73-year-old "dean" of the Tarrant county district attorney's staff and former Burnet county cowhand who rose to the rank of Texas lawyers, died at 6:45 a. m. today.

The veteran attorney succumbed to shock complications and internal injuries which resulted from an accident early Monday, Dec. 20, when he was knocked down by an automobile as he walked across a street near his home.

Mr. Moses' illness cut short his plans for a family Christmas reunion. Three children could not be here—Miss Janet Rollins Moses, now employed by the Foreign Economic Administration in Mexico; Mrs. Margaret Kemmeries, Nogales, Ariz.; and a son, Lt. Col. Martin Moses, believed to be a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippines.

Besides Lt. Col. Moses, Miss Janet Rollins Moses and Mrs. Kemmeries, immediate survivors include two other sons, Harry B. Fort Worth; Tad of College Station; two other daughters, Mrs. Reba Huns Boyd, and Mrs. Jun Hughes, Fort Worth; a sister, Mrs. Leon Oliver, Lampasas; and two brothers, Maj. Gen. Andrew Moses, United States Army (retired), Washington, D. C.; and Martin W. Moses, Austin.

Mr. Moses, born on New Year's Day of 1870 near Strickling, Burnet county, never lost his love for cattle and the cattle country.

His legal career was highlighted by the prosecution of Sam Ross and Milt Good, whose murder trials made West Texas history in the early 1920s, and by the even more widely publicized defense of the Rev. J. Frank Norris for the fatal shooting of a Fort Worth lumber dealer a few years earlier.

Worked As Cowboy.

The young Moses attended Burnet county schools until he was 18, then went out on his own, working for three years as a cowboy in Archer county. Then he obtained appointment as a clerk in the general land office in Austin, serving

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## Texas Had Clear Skies Thursday, But Air Is Cool

### By The Associated Press

Texas enjoyed clear skies and sunshine today but temperatures remained brisk—ranging from a reported 21 degrees at Amarillo to 49 degrees at Brownsville.

Somewhat warmer weather was in prospect for tonight and tomorrow, according to official forecasts.

Temperatures over the state included:

Arlene, 33; San Angelo, 36; Gainesville, 30; Big Springs, 30; Midland, 32; Lubbock, 30; Clarendon, 28; Wichita Falls, 33; Fort Worth, 34; Dallas, 31; Waco, 34; Austin, 32; San Antonio, 29; Corpus Christi, 44; Palestine, 32 and Laredo, 39.

## BOTH BRITAIN AND GERMANY CLAIMING SEA FIGHT VICTORY

### GERMAN CLAIMS DOUBLE THOSE OF BRITAIN; AMERICANS SPOTTED ENEMY

By ROGER GREENE  
LONDON, Dec. 30.—(P)—Both Britain and Germany today claimed an important naval victory from the Bay of Biscay in which British ships engaged a Nazi flotilla of 11 destroyers.

The British admiralty announced yesterday that three German destroyers were sunk and others damaged during a running battle, while the British light cruisers Glasgow and Enterprise were damaged.

Late today, in its version, the German high command claimed the sinking of six British destroyers and damage to the Glasgow and Enterprise, one of which it said was set ablaze—all against the loss of one German destroyer and two motor torpedo boats sunk and other German craft damaged.

"There was no official comment in London on the German claims. Two American Navy fliers first spotted the German destroyer flotilla in the Bay of Biscay and shadowed it for six hours while

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## RAILROAD STRIKE THREAT OVER BUT WAGE DISPUTE HOLDS

### TRAINMEN AND ENGINEERS, HOWEVER, HOLD EXECUTED AGREEMENTS

By JOSEPH A. LOFTUS.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(P)—With the Army at the throttle, the nation's railroad system was rid of a strike threat today but not of the wage controversy that provoked it.

The Brotherhoods, the Trainmen and Engineers, executed agreements with the carriers, but the demands of the 18 other organizations remain unsettled. The case of the 15 non-operating unions, in fact, seemed more tightly knotted than ever.

Chief of three operating unions—Conductors, Firemen, and Switchmen—told Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell early yesterday they would not challenge the government, but they delayed sending strike cancellation orders to their chairmen in the field until 9 p. m.

Some information of the wage settlement. The order finally was sent without such information because the union chiefs said government spokesmen avoided a commitment.

The contracts signed by the Trainmen and the Engineers provided for an increase of 9 cents an hour and a week's vacation.

Five cents of that amount was

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## WADE SMITH, JR., BEEN PROMOTED TO FIRST LIEUTENANT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(P)—The War Department today announced the following temporary promotions of Texas officers:

Capt. to major: Edinburg—Roland Paul West CE.

Lufkin—Robert James Hinson, 445 Jefferson Ave. Wichita Falls—Edward Washington Napier, Jr., ACE, 1908 Collins Ave.

2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.: Austin—Edward Haskew Young, Inf., 1018 Milam Pl. Smith, Jr., TC, 1529 West Fourth avenue.

San Angelo—Dorsey B. Harde-man, JAGD, 20 S. Koenigshof St.

## RUSSIAN ARMIES IN CONTINUED ADVANCE TOWARD 1939 BORDER

### GREAT SOVIET THREE-FRONT WINTER OFFENSIVE ROLLS FORWARD

LONDON, Dec. 30.—(P)—A German report along the whole front before Zhitomir was announced by Premier Marshal Joseph Stalin tonight in a triumphant order of the day reporting a Russian advance up to 60 miles in five days of bitter fighting that has widened the breach more than 180 miles.

By HENRY C. CASSIDY  
MOSCOW, Dec. 30.—(P)—Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's First Ukrainian army spearheading a great Soviet three-front winter offensive, rolled toward Russia's 1939 frontiers today across the flat frozen steppes that contain few natural defense obstacles east of the Bug River in Poland, 190 miles away.

Vatutin's troops were less than 48 miles from the rail and river town of Gorodnitsa, on the old Polish-Russian border following their spectacular capture of the rail hub of Korosten yesterday.

Aiming toward the first plunge out of Soviet territory they, pushed forward impetuously on the heels of a bitterly resisting but exhausted enemy.

With the northern arm of Vatutin's forces rapidly expanding a 42-mile-wide breach in the Lenin-grad-Odessa railway from Korosten south to Chernyakhov, other units were closing in on Zhitomir from the north and east, and latest front dispatches placed vanguards beyond the town of Livkov, five

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## DEMONSTRATION OF AIR POWER 1944 BE GREATEST HISTORY

### WILL PAVE WAY FOR FINAL ALL OUT DRIVE AGAINST GERMANY

"Gladwin Hill discusses 1944's prospects for air war in this story of a series in which Associated Press correspondents in London survey the tasks facing the Allies in this year of climax."

By GLADWIN HILL  
LONDON, Dec. 30.—(P)—The new year 1944 will bring the greatest demonstration of air power in history.

The great test will be the air offensive paving the way for and supporting the allies final all-out drive against Germany. As now conceived, that campaign will be the biggest military undertaking of all time and it follows inevitably that the air must be correspondingly unprecedented.

In England, the most obvious jumping-off point for a second front, has been built up the greatest concentration of air power ever known on this "unsinkable aircraft carrier."

In the space of a few thousand square miles the U. S. A. F. alone has some 100 bomber, fighter and service bases. The RAF may have at least twice as many more.

From here for more than a year the whole gamut of allied aerial weapons—heavy medium and light bombers, fighter-bombers and fighters—have been almost daily making attacks against the continent, softening up the Germans while tempering their own forces.

In this campaign Germany's submarine resources have been thoroughly disrupted and at least one-third of Germany's war production is estimated to have been knocked out. The Ruhr has been destroyed as the industrial heart of Germany. Seven of Germany's first ten cities have been blasted

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## Local Business Concerns to Be Closed Saturday

New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1, 1944, will be observed generally in Corsicana and Navarro county but not as universally as were the Christmas holidays last week-end.

The Corsicana Retail Merchants Association will be closed all day as will the banks. All departments of the courthouse except law enforcement agencies will observe a holiday, as will the public library.

Defense plants will operate on the regular schedule.

The post office will be open, with only the rural route carriers observing a holiday, it was stated.

Drug stores will remain open Saturday because of the large amount of prescriptions and medicines called for because of the influenza prevalent in this vicinity.

The Daily Sun will be issued as usual.

The city hall will be open.

Definite announcement relative to a holiday at Corsicana Field, Air Activities of Texas, had not been made Thursday morning.

## JUNGLE FIGHTING REPORTED HEAVY IN NEW BRITAIN AREA

### JAPANESE CONCENTRATE STRONG FORCE AT GLOUCESTER AIRSTRIP

By MORRIS LANDSBERG  
Associated Press War Editor.

Jungle fighting flared with sudden intensity on the American-invaded Cape Gloucester front of New Britain as Allied planes, ships and troops pounded the Japanese in the New Britain-New Guinea-Pougainville sector of the embattled Pacific.

The Japanese, breaking up their initial coastal defense line at Cape Gloucester, concentrated a relatively strong force around their flank, and threw a division or more into the Borgen Bay area to attack the beach.

U. S. Marines, however, expanded their positions on both beachheads with the support of artillery and air bombardment. One unit, using flame-throwers to clear the way, advanced to within one mile of the enemy airbase, and killed at least 200 Japanese in a battle on the bank of an unnamed river.

Allied warplanes struck again at Japanese air facilities elsewhere on their key island in the Southwest Pacific. Forty Solomon-based fighters swept over Rabaul and tangled with 60 interceptors. Returning pilots said they had shot down 17 enemy planes at a cost of one of their own.

Other Allied fliers attacked air installations at Gasmata, on the southwest coast, and Cape Hoskins most directly across the island.

In a steadily advancing drive that parallels the Cape Gloucester campaign, Australian troops reached Biuecher Point, about 30 miles north of Allied-held Finschhafen, on the coast of Northeastern New Guinea. Enemy positions in the

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## CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES POINT VALUES REDUCED

### OPA ANNOUNCES REDUCTION AS SUPPLIES REPORTED FAIRLY HIGH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(P)—The Office of Price Administration (OPA) wished housewives a happy New Year today with a sharp reduction of ration point values on canned snags, beans, tomatoes and frozen fruits and vegetables.

The good news was tempered somewhat by an upward adjustment of the values on jams, preserves and non-citrus marmalades. The most two points to eight for a pound jar.

The changes, effective Sunday for the month of January, give green and wax beans a zero point value for all sized cans, wiping out the current five-point rating, for example, on a No. 2 can.

For a No. 2 can of peas, the new value is 15 points, compared with 18 now. Tomatoes in No. 2-12 cans get a 6-point cut, being listed at 15 points.

Explaining the reductions, OPA said supplies of snap beans are at a fairly high level and that production outlook is good. A decline in consumer demand of over 10 percent in the last two months makes possible the point value changes on peas and tomatoes.

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IF ADMIRAL DONITZ HAS QUIT IT PROBABLY MEANS LAST GASP OF HITLER'S INTUITION RULE

(NOTE—During the temporary absence of Dewitt Mackenzie, this column is being conducted by William Frey of the Washington Bureau.)

By WILLIAM FREY  
Associated Press War Analyst.

If Admiral Karl Donitz has resigned his command of the German navy, it probably marks just about the last gasp of Adolf Hitler's military leadership by intuition.

Russian sources, reporting his resignation—actual or imminent—as a result of the sinking of the battleship Scharnhorst by the British home fleet, also tell of a widening breach between Hitler and his generals.

That breach is a peculiar one, healed for their own purposes by the generals, who don't like Hitler but can't spare him. There was a time when Hitler, riding high and rolling far into Russia, got rid of a number of the old army men. Some of them have been back for quite a while, and the stars of others are rising.

There is considerable evidence that the Russian officers of the junker class, the core of the German military tradition, are once again in full control of the army. Hitler remains the titular commander in chief, because he is still a symbol in the minds of the German masses. But the officer

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GEN. MARSHALL VISITS MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS—Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff U. S. Army (right), visits Southwest Pacific headquarters of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander-in-chief of Southwest Pacific area (center), for conferences with leaders in route home from Cairo and Tanager conferences. At left is Lieut. Gen. Walter Krueger, commanding general, U. S. Sixth Army. (AP wirephoto from Signal Corps.)

## Business and Financial Outlook for 1944; Many Changes Next 12 Months

By ROGER W. BABSON  
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### THUMBNAIL OUTLOOK FOR 1944

1. GENERAL—Year 1944 should be divided into two parts: (a) From January 1st to date of Germany's collapse; and (b) from said date to December 31st.
2. PRODUCTION—Babsonchart Index will average around 130, about 12 per cent below 1943.
3. COMMODITIES—Strength in various commodities should be followed by renewed weakness.
4. SALES—Retail sales DOLLAR volume will average higher for entire year, but PHYSICAL volume will be down 10 per cent.
5. LABOR—Pressure for higher wage rates will continue throughout the year with MORE labor troubles and MORE wage increases than in 1943.
6. STOCKS—If the market is low when Germany cracks it will then go up; but if then high, it will go down.
7. BONDS—Good and medium-grade bonds will hold close to present levels throughout the year.

BABSON PARK, Mass., Dec. 30.—Most firms are booked to capacity. If any more business were offered they would not be able to handle it for many months. This is roughly my forecast for 1944. The Babsonchart Index of the Physical Volume of Business for the final quarter of 1943 averaged 141 compared with 150.7 for the same period of 1942. The all-time high was reached in December 1942 when my index stood at 155.6. It is not possible that this record can be exceeded in 1944.

Commodity Prices.

War developments will influence commodity prices during 1944. The collapse of Germany could result in a sharp, though temporary, reaction in leading wholesale indexes. If the going in Italy or elsewhere should prove unexpectedly hard—indicating a longer war—prices should firm. Cattle and hogs may bring lower average prices. Soybean and corn prices face the test of large marketings. They will do well to hold. Increased imports of coffee, cocoa and sugar will hold down their prices.

Continued heavy demand is indicated for most industrial commodities. To what extent efforts to roll back food prices to September 15, 1942, levels will succeed is problematical. Mounting over-all shortages, unprecedented demand and the

necessity for maximum output will tend to maintain strong upward pressure on most prices. Advancing party prices, storage, insurance and black markets further tend to keep prices high. Subsidies will be granted certain producers during 1944.

Inventories.

Businessmen should watch the Government's policy of disposing of its huge inventories of consumer goods, prices, storage, insurance and black markets further tend to keep prices high. Subsidies will be granted certain producers during 1944.

Sales Prospects.

I forecast that retail dollar sales will average 5 per cent to 10 per cent higher in 1944 than in 1943. Sales volume of consumer goods will again start to climb as smaller companies get the okay on post-war merchandise. I expect some decline from 1943 in the physical volume of retail sales due to scarcity of goods and less employment. Substitute merchandise has sold well but manufacturers and wholesalers are now wary of it. As good war news increases, consumers will wait for new postwar merchandise rather than buy synthetic war made goods. Merchants should keep a workable inventory. Do not overstock.

The following ten states are tops for 1944: New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Texas, California, Oregon and Washington. Of smaller volume states, I like: Georgia, Minnesota, Florida, Nebraska, Utah and Arizona. Florida may see a real boom. Outstanding sales cities are scarce. A year ago it was simple to spot cities with expected gains of 40 per cent to 50 per cent. Now more cities will show gains of only 5 per cent to 10 per cent in 1944 over a year ago. Here is the pick of the lot: Detroit, Michigan; Jackson, Michigan; Knoxville, Tennessee; Phoenix, Arizona; Portland, Oregon; San Diego, California; Savannah, Georgia; Springfield, Massachusetts; Topeka, Kansas and

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War At A Glance

By The Associated Press

ITALY—Eighth Army presses mile up Adriatic coast.

EUROPEAN AERIAL—RAF shatters Berlin with 2,240 tons of bombs. American daylight bombers attack Southwest Germany.

RUSSIA—Soviets threatening Nikopol in lower Dnieper. Other units drive 12 miles west of recaptured Korosten.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—Marines advance to within one mile of Cape Gloucester airport. Allied planes hit Rabaul, Gasmata.

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## MANY TONS OF BOMBS RAINED UPON BLASTED HEART OF NAZIDOM

### AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS DRIVE DEEP INTO EUROPE IN DAYLIGHT

By W. W. HERCHER.  
LONDON, Dec. 30.—(P)—RAF heavy bombers left great fires raging in Berlin again last night in a concentrated 2,240-ton assault, and today great fleets of American heavy bombers and American and RAF medium bombers thundered to these trip-hammer blows.

American Flying Fortresses and Liberators drove deep into Europe to pound targets in Southwest Germany.

American and RAF medium bombers attacked the much-battered "rocket gun coast" area of northern France.

It was the eighth major operation of the month for the Flying Fortresses and Liberators and was a part of a furious, day-long assault against the Nazis' continental installations. As usual, the American heavy bombers were escorted by a strong supporting force of American and RAF fighting planes.

The brief official announcement did not name specific targets, but in the area designated lie such key German cities of Stuttgart, Mannheim, Frankfurt and Karlsruhe.

Last night's heavy RAF assault may have finished off Berlin as the working capital of Germany.

The engines of the mighty RAF night armada that dealt the eighth heavy knock at the German capital since the campaign of destruction was begun were hardly cool before large formations of heavy daylight bombers, fighter-bombers and fighters sailed at all heights toward the continent in the direction of the bustling "rocket-gun" coasts of France, last pounded by a 1,300-plane American fleet on Christmas eve.

Strikes in Early Evening.

The extraordinary storm force of British Lancasters and Halifaxes went over desolated Berlin in the early evening and through a heavy cover of clouds dumped one of the largest loads of explosives and fire bombs ever poured on one target in an attack in this war.

In the raiding formations was the largest force of heavy bombers ever sent out by the Royal Canadian air force.

In announcing the operation the air ministry described the attack as "very heavy" and concentrated, and said that smoke spiraled upward to 16,000 feet from the large

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U. S. ARTILLERY DELIVERS SERENADE FOR SAN VITTORE

ANOTHER ITALIAN TOWN DIES BENEATH TERRIBLE GROUND FIRE

By DON WHITEHEAD.  
SAN VITTORE, Dec. 29.—(Delayed)—(P)—Another Italian town died today beneath terrible, crashing explosions of American artillery.

The mass of rubble and debris and fias a name—San Vittore—but that about all that is left to identify the once peaceful place except a church steeple.

Artillery men call today's kind of barrage a "serenade." Hundreds of guns were thundering and the explosions were echoing as the shells crashed into enemy positions. It was truly a serenade—of death and destruction.

San Vittore was caught in the same unhappy state as San Pietro, which American guns reduced to appalling wreckage.

The Germans had made the town the center of another fortress along the road to Rome and to demolish the fortress the town itself had to be destroyed.

For 20 thunderous minutes San Vittore was battered by tons of explosives and lost in billowing smoke, dust and flame. When the guns had stilled and the smoke drifted away there were only count jagged walls, houses with roofs smashed and streets piled high with debris.

Preceded Troop Movement.

The serenade preceded a move by troops under Maj. David Frazier of Houston, Texas, to enter the town with a strong patrol led by Lt. Richard Dashner of Waco, Texas.

San Vittore has been the hot spot on the Fifth Army front since the capture of San Pietro. It lies in caves and dugouts. The enemy also is strongly situated on a ridge to the east of the town.

Frazier sent a patrol into San Vittore yesterday, but the doughboys ran into fierce enemy fire, lost two men killed and had to withdraw under a smoke screen.

Before dawn today Pvt. Fred Costello of Beaumont, Texas, led a second patrol into the town and while the men were searching the buildings Costello climbed into the church steeple to inspect the

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FLAME THROWERS SEARING PATH FOR AMERICAN MARINES

DEVIL-DOGS ARE NOW ABOUT MILE FROM IMPORTANT AIRPORT

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Dec. 30.—(P)—Flame throwers are searing a path for American marines through Japanese pillboxes defending the airbase on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, front line headquarters today.

While lead marines on the eastern flank of the invasion beachhead at Borgen Bay were holding their front under attacks by a large Japanese force, their comrades on the western flank advanced a half-mile, using flames and artillery to melt the stiffening opposition.

The western-front thrust put the devil-dogs about a mile from the important airfield on the northwestern coast of New Britain Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communiqué said.

Maj. Gen. William H. Rupertus reporting briefly from his command post in the field, said 200 Japanese died in an unsuccessful attempt to stop the marines from crossing a river in the airbase drive.

The marines on the east line which extends inland from Borgen Bay were doggedly hurling back attacks from an enemy force estimated by a headquarters

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Wichita, Kansas. It will make a difference in 1944 business whether Germany cracks in the early or latter part of the year. When this happens Washington will begin at once to cancel war orders, especially on the Atlantic seaboard. The army will accept no more recruits, may begin orderly demobilization. Navy men may be in for two or three years more. Army demobilization will start around election time in 1944. This should help retail trade.

**Industries Differ.**  
Expansion of airplane factories has been practically completed. Automotive industry during 1944 will gradually revert to normal. New car stockpile low. Look for relief only on trucks. The chemical industry has enjoyed great expansion. This may continue. Leaders in new drugs should prosper. Heavy chemicals may not show any gain over 1943 volume. Building about the same level for total new building as in 1943. Relaxing restrictions on private construction will come in 1944. Gains in 1944 will show in this category when compared with 1943. An optimistic on postwar home building.

The shoe and clothing industries are beset by price ceilings and increased costs. These will continue through 1944. Woolen industry will remain very active. Rayon will continue at capacity output. Cotton textiles will be fairly active, nearly equal last year's level. With Germany out, consumer demand for these goods should quickly replace war orders. Dairy products will be scarce because of feed problems. Slaughter houses should do a big volume. Cereal products will do well. Canned goods will feel effects of sharply higher costs and lower output. Bituminous coal depends upon labor union policy, but I expect output to be at least 10 per cent better in 1944 than in 1943. Air transport will gain in equipment and efficiency. Manpower is far from solved. The trend of the industry is up for both air passengers and freight. Railroads will continue to suffer from equipment shortages. War peak of traffic is passed. Railroad needs are so acute that higher priorities for equipment will be forced. After the war, railroads will have a terrible slump. With much less to haul, they will face, as never before, competition from coastwise shipping, river transportation, new pipe lines, airplanes and trucks. Eastern roads will slump as soon as Germany collapses. Electronics and television should

boom. Heavy electrical equipment orders may decline slightly in 1944. Kilowatt output must be 10 per cent better in 1944 than in 1943. Lumber volume will continue to be reduced. Backlog of machine tool orders is declining sharply. Subcontracts may help. Nonferrous metals are held down by acute manpower shortage. Paper and pulp will be affected by the cut in newspaper. Paperboard output in 1944 should equal 1943. Refinery petroleum output in 1944 will run 10 per cent above 1943. Higher prices for crude probable. All-time peaks in steel output scheduled for 1944. Shipbuilding may not show further gains, but launchings will.

**Outlook For Labor.**  
Crux is whether sufficient skilled and unskilled workers can be channeled into critical war industries. It is estimated that 2,000,000 workers must be added to essential plants in the next few months. However, over 2,000,000 men and women reach age 18 every twelve months. Therefore, the labor situation may begin to ease. There will be many disputes but most upsets will be of short duration on small scope. Labor leaders must threaten strikes for publicity and to hold jobs. The cost-of-living situation will dictate the rise and fall of strikes. If rolling back prices is successful, pressure for higher wages will be considerably reduced. After Germany cracks, there will be no scarcity of labor. Labor's honeymoon is approaching its end. There will be no railroad strike in 1944.

**Stock Market.**  
The 1944 long-term trend of stock prices is definitely upward. A growing hoard of money seeks investment. Present holders are less willing to let stocks go, except at higher prices. The rise from May, 1942 to July, 1943, was a long, unbroken advance. A period of consolidation, such as from July 14 to date, was in order. The next few months may still be marked by irregularity. This should not disturb real investors. Corporations are adjusted to wartime operations. Any material change in the war situation may create temporarily upsetting uncertainties. On the bullish side the market strengthened in the face of the largest War Bond Drive in our history.

Most listed companies are stronger than ever. Debts have been reduced, cash reserves increased. Companies doing well in war work may get new buildings and machinery for a long time. Stocks have gradually gained ground in spite of record earnings and growth in net current assets. Many

peace stocks have forged ahead in spite of declines in earnings and lower dividend payments. It is possible the "war babies" may become oversold and the peace stocks overbought, but the total industrial averages will go higher sometime during 1944 than they are at present. In case a Republican President should be elected in November a big bull market could quickly develop.

**What Stocks To Buy.**  
Some industrial groups appear more attractive than others. Building stocks should benefit from the expected boom after the war. Johns-Manville, Lone Star Cement and Eagle-Picher Lead hold prospects for good postwar earnings and liberal dividends. Flexibility of merchandising companies makes their stocks favorites. I have recommended American Stores, McCrory Stores, Kroger, Jewel Tea, General Stores, United Stores, Best, Best, Best and Preferred "A." The railroad and farm equipment groups ought to show better-than-average progress. Favorites include American Brake Shoe, General American, United States Steel, Republic Steel, "A" offers liberal income. National Steel and Allegheny-Ludlum are sound issues. Electrical equipment should experience heavy postwar demand. General Electric is the outstanding leader.

**Bonds and Stocks.**  
The government forbids a corporation to manipulate the price of its securities but the government is using artificial means to force down interest payments on bonds by widows, orphans and others dependent upon savings or life insurance. This is unfair. Government Bonds dominate the high-grade field. Corporates are being called in increasing amounts. Institutional investors and trustees have to bid very high on the few remaining corporates or buy Government bonds. In view of the relatively greater risk in corporates, I favor calling in high-grade corporates to the E, F and G War Series, preferably E's. Otherwise, hold cash. Municipals are too high.

I expect no near-term shift in interest rates. They may remain low as long as government financing must be carried on in large volume, or as long as restrictions are placed upon the expansion of business to meet civilian demands and the money hoard continues to grow. When the readjustment comes the investor should not be tied up in long-term, low-coupon bonds. Current

rent yields on better-grade issues have been forced down too low. Investors looking for liberal incomes are, therefore, buying cumulative preferreds. Such issues are also in favor with investors skeptical over the general trend of common stocks, but the field is very selective. My usual advice is to buy only first mortgage bonds or else common stocks of companies with no cumulative preferreds.

**Taxes.**  
There may be a small increase in 1944 taxes. This increase will hurt only a few industries through increased excise taxes. Income taxes, inheritance taxes, gift taxes, and probably corporation taxes will remain about where they are or lowered. Furthermore, 1944 may be the last year of tax misery. There should be better things in 1945. Investors should especially keep in mind that when excess profit taxes are eliminated—many corporations can make more money and pay more dividends with much smaller gross earnings.

**Postwar Jobs.**  
Men and women who LEFT JOBS TO ENTER THE ARMED FORCES should have no trouble getting jobs when they return. Those who entered the "armchair" forces at Washington or elsewhere may have real trouble with getting postwar jobs. Men who were unemployed when they entered the armed forces will get postwar jobs based on their war record and behavior. Character and habits will be an important consideration. Men and women who left employers in the lurch to get more money or thrills may be left "high and dry" when the war is over. There will not be a good job for everyone after Germany cracks. In fact, there will begin to be unemployment when Romania, Bulgaria or Hungary see up, which I expect fairly soon.

**Politics and Inflation.**  
Unless Germany collapses before August, Roosevelt will be re-nominated and probably re-elected. It looks now as if Willkie would be nominated if the Republican leadership were to put their efforts up on Congress. In November, 1944, they should secure a good majority of the House and six more Senators. When I look further ahead, 1948 seems now like a good Republican year with Gov. Dewey the victor, in case Willkie is not already President. During the 1943-44 term will come the next depression followed by a return of the Democrats in 1952. Then there will be more Socialistic experiments and the real inflationary period. In the meantime, we will have slowly creeping inflation until 1948; but nothing radical. After Roosevelt is re-elected with a Vice President satisfactory to him, I should not be surprised to see him resign to accept the head of the new World Organization whatever this may be. This could take place as soon as Japan is whipped—possibly in 1945.

**How Long Will War II Last?**  
Intelligent forecasts of 1944 business should be based upon some assumption as to the length of the war. If Germany is to crack within a short time, 1944 may be a very different year than if Germany should hold out until after our Presidential Elections in November, 1944. Germany may collapse early in the year, but consider the following:

(1) Churchill is very close to Roosevelt. He desperately wants him re-elected. Knowing that only a continuation of the European conflict through October, 1944, will assure this, he is not hurrying his Second Front.

(2) As the Republicans have not yet insisted upon "unconditional surrender" the German leadership might be better with a Republican President—which is a temptation for them to hold out.

(3) Stalin is definitely waiting until after November 6, 1944 before making certain decisions, and this will delay Germany's collapse.

(4) Although the Washington New Deal group might do nothing to prolong the war merely to insure themselves another four years of power, yet they surely would not be adverse to others doing so.

(5) Generally good war news should feature 1944. The battle-hardened Russians should continue to drive the German hordes back. As we enter 1944 the war has rounded second base and is on the way home. As, however, I stated in my 1942 and 1943 Annual Forecasts, we should not expect an ending of the War until gas, chemicals or bacteria bombs are used.

All of the above may be upset by the death or serious illness of Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin, Chiang or perhaps even Hitler in 1944.

**Needed: More Research and Religion.**  
Businessmen are faced with three vitally important questions: (1) Is it time now to give up seeking war contracts and prepare plans for civilian goods output? (2) Should subcontracting be reduced by approximately 50 per cent so as to be ready for civilian goods production? (3) Is all-out war production to utmost capacity the best course to pursue? My advice is: Continue to take all war subcontracting you can get provided it will not tie your plant up beyond Election Day next year. Stop further expansion plans now. Work research and postwar planning departments overtime. Give orders now for reconversion equipment. Finally, 1944 will see a continuation of the conflict between those two philosophical theories which are splitting civilization today. These may be expressed by the eternal question of whether man (1) is a spiritual being to be guided

## MRS. MARTHA HUGHES DIED ON THURSDAY MORNING AT RICE

Mrs. Martha M. Hughes, age 70 years, died at her home at Rice Thursday morning. Funeral services will be held at Rice Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in the Rice cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, C. H. Hughes, Rice; five children, Lola, Ethel, Alvin, Charles and Jess Hughes, all of Rice.

Sutherland, McCammon will direct the arrangements.

## MRS. J. W. SPEEGLE BURIED THURSDAY IN DRESDEN CEMETERY

Funeral services for Mrs. J. W. Speegle, aged 68, long time resident of the Barry community who died at the Navarro Clinic Tuesday night, were held from the Baptist church at Barry Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Revs. H. B. Prather, O'Brien and Meador, conducted the rites. Burial was in Dresden cemetery.

Surviving are seven sons, four daughters, three brothers, two sisters, 33 grandchildren, a number of great grandchildren and other relatives.

Corley's Funeral Home directed the arrangements.

## Farmers Are Asked To Produce More Milk and Eggs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Texas farmers are being asked to produce more milk and eggs and less meat and table poultry next year.

In explaining its 1944 production goals, the Department of Agriculture reports that poultry and livestock production has been out of line with the feed supplies.

The 1944 goals for feed grains have been increased for Texas and the rest of the nation and it also was decided that the most efficient use of feed would be to put it into milk and eggs rather than in meat and table poultry.

Texas goals also call for an increase in production of peanuts, wheat, oats, barley and hay, while holding at the same level or slight decreases in corn, sorghums and flaxseed.

by the Ten Commandments; or (2) is a evolutionary animal permitted to follow the rules of the jungle even when possessing a college diploma and dressed in a tuxedo. If our first assumption, the one for which our churches stand, is adopted as a goal, the coming year can be the beginning of a glorious future. If the second, which too many educators are teaching, is allowed to grow, then World War II may have been in vain. In the end, spiritual forces must overcome the material forces or civilization is sunk. The hope of a better postwar world lies with greater research and more religion.

## Salvation Army Has Brought Cheer Into Homes Corsicanans

The Salvation Army had a very successful Christmas program and season. There was a total of 75 baskets given out, with toys going to the children, several pairs of new shoes and sweaters as gifts were purchased for children. On

Sunday prior to Christmas a total of one hundred bags containing nuts and fruits were distributed. The women who are members of the Home League of the army made and distributed approximately 40 dresses for little girls. The local Corps is under the direction of Captain E. Hoyt Smith and Mrs. Smith.

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## CULT OF DESTRUCTION

Adolf Hitler has been the master-expert of the ages, and also the supreme destroyer. His policy ever since he rose from the gutter has been "rule or ruin." Or perhaps it would be better expressed as "rule AND ruin," for that is the way his system works. He and his followers profess to be striving for a new world, but the net result of their efforts so far has been growing destruction of the existing world, with nothing to take its place that sane and constructive men could accept.

Any effort to discover a real ideology, plan or system in the Nazi onslaught against civilization seems useless. Some analysts profess to find in the Hitler revolution a deliberate and calculated prospectus for a New Order, with Germans at the top and all the rest their slaves. Doubtless they have had that pleasant dream of getting on top of the world and kicking the rest of mankind around. But latterly it looks as if that dream had faded, and the professed Supermen were determined to do all the killing they could as long as they could, and then plunge over a cliff together.

There would be a sort of logic in that.

## LOGISTICAL WAR

If war is ever eliminated from this world, it will probably be because armies have got so hopelessly snarled up in their logistics.

Perhaps it should be explained that this highfalutin word, now coming into general use, refers to the transport, quartering and supply of troops in military operations. And even the word itself is easier than the procedures that it represents. For modern armies require a vast variety and quantity of food, equipment, transportation, ammunition, communications, and so on.

Ancient and medieval warfare was very simple in comparison with these modern, machine-made wars. A reader of history gets an impression that in those primitive days nothing was needed but a lot of men in uniform with guns and ammunition pouches, a commander on horseback with a few aides, and wagons back behind them hauling supplies, which they mostly appropriated from the hapless peasantry as they went along. Now an army is almost like a self-contained city on the march, and accordingly difficult and expensive to operate.

## LONG-RANGE GUN

The new German rocket gun has remarkable tales told of it. It is said to spread destruction over a 20-mile area, and shoot 160 miles, though so far it has not been used for more than 35 or 40 miles.

This is not the first appearance of a new gun of amazing long range. In March, 1918, when the Germans broke through the Allied lines for a 40-mile gain, shells began to fall on a previously unscathed Paris. On Good Friday 88 people were killed in a single church. Wild rumors followed: the Germans must be at the very gates of Paris, else how could they shell it? This panic of near-panic was, of course, according to the German plan.

The secret was soon dis-

## Edgar A. Guest

The Poet of the People

## THE SILENT HEROES

We'll never hear them bragging, who for us have borne the most.  
The boys who've been in battle and come home don't care to boast.  
We have to drag it from them, bit by bit and word by word.  
"Other fellows did the dying!" is the phrase that's oftener heard.

Walk the sanitarium hallways where the wounded lie in bed  
And notice just how little of their glorious deeds is said.  
It is never: "Hear what I did?" That they'd keep forever hid.  
All they seem to want to tell us is what the other fellows did.

We're the ones who do the boasting, we, from peril miles away.  
We, with little more to fret us than the taxes we must pay.  
We go 'round ourselves extolling, when the blinded and the maimed  
Say they merely did their duty—all ashamed.

covered. French artillery experts learned by their calculations that the shells must come from a gun 75 miles away. Actually there were several, each long as the height of a ten-story building, operated from a forest-covered post which to the very last escaped French efforts to destroy it. The firing continued until the long German retreat that began in July, 1918, pulled the guns further and further back till at last Paris was completely out of range.

The whole episode was freakish. The guns' material damage was slight. They were supposed to terrorize, and failed. Just as the French of 1918 failed to cover and fold up, so today's allies will continue their advance, no matter what the achievements of the new rocket gun.

## NEXT YEAR'S BUSINESS

About this time of year, Brig. Gen. Leonard P. Ayres, a prominent Cleveland banker, always comes out with business forecasts, which usually prove to be right. Here are his prophecies for 1944.

Next year, he says, will be a year of business indecision, with a continued boom for employees rather than proprietors. Germany will be defeated, and there will be a transition business period of about two years, during which the greatest business will be in "our accumulated shortages."

There will be a great demand for automobiles, dwellings, household furnishings, agricultural machinery, and so on, and we have money accumulated to buy them. If we continue handling our money as sensibly as we have been doing, we shall not have serious inflation, although though there will be further increases in wages and cost of living.

Prices will advance about 10 per cent wholesale over the last year.

Industrial production is about as high as it will go. War workers will return to peaceful activities before fighting men do.

Transportation will be a very difficult problem, with the burden falling mostly on the railroads. The presidential election will hardly have much important influence immediately. The major influence will be the course of the war spending.

## SIMPLER TAXES

One thing that this nation obviously needs is simpler taxes. Millions of Americans have been more annoyed by the confusion of the federal tax system than by the taxes themselves. A good example is the so-called "Victory Tax." This particular impost is not oppressive, and doesn't amount to much in most people's tax budget, but it is troublesome to remember and pay on time. Yet the Senate Finance Committee has voted to continue it, instead of agreeing with the House and the Treasury Department and combining it with the regular individual income tax.

This is a case where the Senate Finance Committee would do a good deed, and make some friends for itself, by changing its mind.

scared, so it's time now to pour it on 'em.

## OUT OF THIS WORLD-DOMINATION



## A GREAT REPORTER'S STORY OF WORLD'S BIGGEST NEWS\*

Historic Feat of a Failure Who "Came Back"  
—Mark, the Slacker, Restored, Wrote the First Record of the Life of Christ—Introducing a Three Months' Course

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS  
"Human interest" stories crowd the pages of the Bible. One of the best of them is the experience of John Mark, the young man who wrote the first of the Gospels, which Sunday schools are to study for three months. He came of a good and prosperous family, and his mother's home in Jerusalem was the rendezvous of Jesus and the disciples; it held the Upper Room in which the final Passover, and institution of the Lord's Supper, were celebrated. The traditional room shown in Jerusalem is now a small mosque. Speculation has identified Mark as the mysterious young man who followed Jesus and the temple police to the Garden of Gethsemane, and escaped from the latter by leaving his garment to their clutches, while he fled naked into the night. Only Mark tells the story.

A young man's slackerism  
Mark comes conspicuously into the Gospel story when he was chosen as companion and helper of Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey. At Cyprus—that same Cyprus which today awakens United Nations troops—Mark quit, perhaps terrorized by the perils of the trip. For some reason, he fell down completely on his job as aide to the older men.

On a later adventure Mark's uncle, Barnabas, wanted to give him another trial, but Paul was obdurate: he would have nothing to do with a slacker and a deserter. The two great missionaries quarreled over the young man, and separated. Thus Mark was responsible for a tragic division in the forces of the Gospel. But years later he "came back," and was a valued associate of Paul, and especially of Peter, to whom he was as a son. For a long time he attended Peter, listening day after day to the apostle's stories of Jesus, until he himself became letter perfect in them.

A Long-Ago Reporter.  
There was a journalistic streak in Mark. He had "news sense." During the long years that he was familiar with the Story of the life of Jesus there developed in his mind the conviction that he should write the story of the first to do so; and his story became the greatest "scoop" of history. Other and fuller Gospels followed, but they all drew upon Mark's narrative.

Mark has all the qualities of a first-class reporter. He was alive to the news value of his facts. He told tersely the most vivid incidents in the life of his Master. There is action and movement in his pages. "Straightway" is a characteristic word. His style is compressed but alive. Mark could get a job on any newspaper today.

We are being deluged with books of fine writing. Many have undertaken to retell the story of Christianity. Attracted by their novelty, we read them, and quickly awaken to the fact that the Gospels are better. It is sound counsel for these times that a thoughtful person should read the entire little book of Mark at one sitting; and then read it again, and again, utilizing such stimulating modern translations as Weymouth's, Moffatt's and Goodspeed's. Before we begin

to editorialize, let us get the news facts straight.

Peter a News Source  
This first Gospel is sometimes called the Story according to Peter, the picturesque fisherman who was Mark's principal source of information. Over and over again, Mark has listened to Peter's recital of the peerless Life.

Mark's message was primarily for Gentiles. He envisaged the great world outside of Jewry that was to be transformed by the Story. He wrote in Greek or in Aramaic, the latter being the language of Jesus. The date of the book is between the years 63-70; and many of his readers could check upon his report by their personal recollections of the ministry of Jesus. There is an essential appeal to the Roman mind in the forthrightness of Mark's narrative. Implicit in his entire Gospel is the profound truth that Christianity is no nebulous theory, spun by philosophers, but that it is squarely based on historic facts.

Getting Down to Facts  
Like a good reporter, Mark linked his own narrative with the whole story of religion, quoting old testament prophets concerning the coming of Christ. Then he quickly proceeded to a brief record of the hairy Forerunner—he sure so good a journalist could not miss that picturesque touch. Then a vivid paragraph upon the Temptation. The accrediting of Jesus by John, and by the baptism, and by the Voice from the sky, laid the ground for the telling of the ministry of the Master.

Then briefly but with adequate detail, Mark recorded the beginning of Christ's Message of the Kingdom. In His home province of Galilee. The calling of the four fishermen as first disciples is tersely, colorfully told; followed by a record of teaching and healing in the Capernaum synagogues.

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That best portion of a good man's life—his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love.—Wordsworth.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him.—Revelation 3:20.

A single conversation across the table with a wise man is better than ten years' mere study of books.—Chinese Proverb.

Happy the man, and happy he alone, Who can call today his own: He who, secure within, can say: Tomorrow do thy worst, for I have lived today.—Dryden.

The Sunday School Lesson for January 2 is, "Jesus Begins His Ministry."—Mark 1:1-22.

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## TEXAS IS 98 YEARS OLD TODAY AS STATE OF AMERICAN UNION

AUSTIN, Dec. 29.—(AP)—As a state Texas is 98 years old today. Although the Republic of Texas did not officially relinquish its sovereignty until Feb. 19, 1846, the annexation papers making Texas the 28th state of the union were signed by the president of the United States on Dec. 29, 1845, and courts have since held that statehood began then—the effective date of federal taxes.

War conditions permitting, Texas will observe a centennial of statehood in 1945 and 1946. Plans for the celebration are under preparation by a commission authorized by the 47th legislature.

Chairman of the commission is Karl Hobbs, of Dallas, and A. Garland Adair of Austin is general commissioner. Jesse Jones is chairman of federal participation. While numerous citizens have been appointed associate commissioners and pledges of cooperation have been given from many associations much planning remains for the centennial observance, said Adair.

## Corsicanans' Son Wed December 19 Corpus Christi

At a ceremony in the First Methodist church at Corpus Christi on Sunday, December 19, at 5 o'clock p. m., Miss Jessie Leila Camp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Camp of San Antonio, became the bride of Ira M. Tarbutton, yeoman, second class, 2332, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Tarbutton of Corsicana.

Dr. William A. Wallace officiated at the double ring ceremony, and Mrs. Don Robe played the nuptial music and accompanied Maurice Horine, who sang "Because." The altar before which the vows were exchanged was decorated with poinsettias and winter greenery.

Mrs. Verne Barneburg, sister of the bride, was her only attendant. She wore a dress of wine velvet with a matching corsage of carnations. Cecil Faw served as best man for Yeoman Tarbutton.

The air gunner received one slight wound in the leg. Sgt. Clark is scheduled to report for reassignment in California January 13. He is a nephew of Miss Cornelia Hardy, deputy Navarro county clerk.

Reception Held.  
A reception followed immediately after the ceremony at the home of Mrs. Barneburg, 1616 Tenth street. Janie Lee Rawlings was in charge of the reception. The bride's table was laid in lace and centered with a profusion of pink carnations. The tiered wedding cake was topped with a wedding cake and bride and groom. Mesdames Grover Edwards, Garland Camp and Miss Marie Roan presided at the bride's table.

Among the out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Camp, Mrs. Grover Edwards and Lee Barneburg of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tarbutton and daughter Jane, of Edinburg; Mrs. Sam Butts and Miss Julia Botts of Harlingen; Mrs. Myrtle S. Wolf of Washington, D. C.; Russell E. Workman of Akron, Ohio, and Frank M. Brady of Sobeys, Montana.

## Member School Faculty.

Prior to accepting a position with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D. C., Mrs. Tarbutton resided in Corpus Christi and was on the faculty of the public schools. She graduated from St. Mary's University of San Antonio and attended the Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos. She is a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma fraternity.

Yeoman Tarbutton attended the University of Texas, where he majored in business administration. He was prominently connected with the Wesley Foundation and Phi Chapter of Wesley Players.

Following a wedding trip to points of interest in Texas, the couple will reside in Brooklyn, N. Y., where the bridegroom is now stationed.

## Kerens Soldier Killed in Action

KERENS, Dec. 28.—(SPL)—First Lieut. Ashbell G. McClung, 25, son of Mrs. H. H. McClung, was killed in action in Italy on Dec. 8, according to word received by Mrs. McClung from the war department.

Lieut. McClung was a member of the Texas National Guard when it was mobilized in 1940 and was with the 36th Division in Italy. He was a graduate of the Kerens high school and attended Texas A. and M. College and Texas Tech.

## Hico Minister on Sad Mission Home

The Rev. Floyd W. Thrash of Hico, Texas, arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Thrash Monday in order to attend the funeral of his little niece, David Thrash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Thrash, Jr., who passed away early Monday morning. The funeral services will be conducted Wednesday in Dallas.

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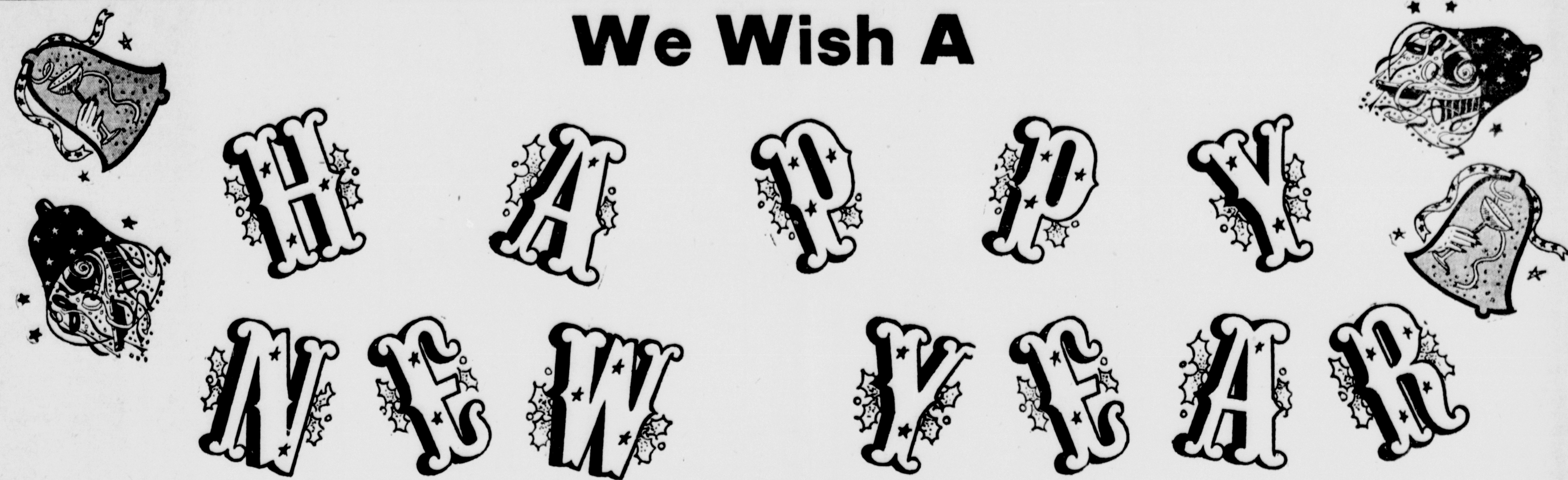
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As the Bells Toll Out the Old Year and Ring in the New, Let's All Pause a Moment and Offer a Silent Prayer for an Early VICTORIOUS Peace.



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M. GOODMAN, Mgr.  
600 E. Fifth Ave.

**D. A. Ferrell Service Station**  
816 E. Seventh Ave.

**Swift Ice Cream**  
112 W. Collin

**Corsicana Mattress Factory**  
C. H. RAMSEY, Owner  
And Employees  
312 S. Main

**Franklin's**  
And All Employees  
102 N. Beaton

**Metzger's Dairy**  
And All Employees  
407 N. Beaton

**Lester Atkins SERVICE STATION**  
301 W. Collin

**Levy's Dry Goods Store**  
107 N. Beaton

**Joe L. Ward Co.**  
WALTER (Slim) EMERY  
Manager, Corsicana Store  
315 N. Beaton

**R. L. Vandygriff Oil Co.**  
519 N. Seventh St.  
On Highway 75, North

**Mrs. Martha Stewart's**  
ICE CREAM AND SANDWICH PARLOR  
Mrs. Martha Stewart, owner.  
Mrs. Mary Reed, assistant  
112 W. Collin

**Nowell's SERVICE & VULCANIZING STATION**  
222 North Main

**Foust Beauty Shop**  
658 West Fifth Ave

**Floyd Hardy GROCERY AND MARKET**  
714 S. Seventh St.  
On Highway 75 South

**Oklahoma Auto Parts**  
BILL HOLLIS, Owner  
11-2 Miles South on Hwy 75

**E. S. McDowell**  
SAND & GRAVEL  
1502 S. Fifteenth St.

Season's Greetings from Your Piano Tuner  
**O. D. Mitchell**  
Phone 297

**J. C. Roe**  
Criminal District Attorney

**C. O. (Cap) Curington**  
Sheriff Navarro County

**Corsicana Grader and Machine Co.**  
AND EMPLOYEES  
307 E. Third Ave.

**H. L. Goodman**  
Tire, Tube Repair and Vulcanizing Co.  
117 E. Third Ave.

**Dixie Club**  
WALTER E. PARKER, Mgr.  
And All Employees  
North Highway 75

**Corsicana Pipe and Supply Co.**  
AND EMPLOYEES  
410 S. Ninth St.

**E. W. Hable**  
GENERAL CONTRACTOR  
And All Employees  
708 S. Seventh St.

**Farish Beauty Shop**  
AND ENTIRE PERSONNEL  
308 N. Beaton

**Annie's Idle Hour Club**  
Annie Mae Sharpley, owner  
East on Highway 31

**Glory-O-Beauty Shoppe**  
AND ENTIRE PERSONNEL  
602 N. Fourteenth St.

**A. A. Cox**  
GENERAL CONTRACTOR  
And All Employees  
Barry Road

**City Market**  
AND EMPLOYEES  
208 E. Fifth Ave.

**Weavers Dairy**  
AND EMPLOYEES

**Bryant's Beauty Shop**  
2122 W. Third Ave.

**Western Union**  
TELEGRAPH CO.  
And Employees  
109 S. Main

**Your Floor Sanding Man Marshall Weems**  
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**Smith Gin Co.**  
AND EMPLOYEES  
411 E. Fifth Ave.

**D'Orsay Beauty Shop**  
AND ENTIRE PERSONNEL  
737 W. First Ave.

**J. E. Metcalf & Son**  
GENERAL CONTRACTORS  
And Employees  
105 S. Main

**W. A. Cox**  
GENERAL CONTRACTOR  
And Employees  
2317 Park Row

**The Geo. Bush Petroleum Products Co.**  
AND EMPLOYEES  
719 W. Seventh Ave.

**E. D. (Ditt) McCormick**  
COUNTY JUDGE

**Buck's Appliance Shop**  
A. A. (Buck) COPELAND,  
Owner  
117½ W. Fifth Ave.  
Next Door Ideal Theatre

**Hayden Paschall**  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

**Arrie E. Foster**  
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**Gilmore's Helpy Selfy Laundry**  
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**C. C. Sands**  
Candidate for Sheriff  
Navarro County

**Murl's Cafe**  
AND EMPLOYEES  
106 E. Third Ave.

**Navarro Clinic**  
AND ENTIRE PERSONNEL  
401 W. Collin

**P. & S. Hospital**  
AND ENTIRE STAFF  
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**Hallie Blake**  
County Tax Assessor and Collector.

**Rex Bailey's WELDING SHOP**  
And Employees  
410 S. Ninth St.

**J. R. Culberson,**  
Agent  
Cotton Belt and Southern  
Pacific Ry's.  
Corsicana, Texas.

**Harry Butler's**  
SNACK BAR  
Edner Darden, owner.  
102 S. Beaton

**Coffield & Guthrie Inc.**  
AND EMPLOYEES  
Water Works Road

**Bailey's Garage**  
AND EMPLOYEES  
117 N. Main

**Corsicana Tractor Company**  
AND EMPLOYEES  
102 W. Third Ave.

**Day and Night Garage**  
AND EMPLOYEES  
125 N. Commerce

**City Produce Market**  
AND EMPLOYEES  
206 E. Fifth Ave.

**Mable Wilkinson**  
COUNTY CLERK

**E. B. Dawson**  
DISTRICT CLERK

**W. M. Forester**  
CHEVROLET COMPANY  
And Employees  
217 W. Fifth Ave.

**Willette Greenlee**  
STUDIO SHOP  
And Entire Personnel  
312 W. Fourth Ave.

**McColpin Grain Co.**  
AND EMPLOYEES  
230 E. Collin

**C. D. Pevehouse**  
GROCERY & MARKET  
W. Second Ave.

**Sam B. Werner**  
Agent.  
F.W.D.C. and C.R.I.G. Ry's  
Corsicana, Texas.

**Red's Pharmacy**  
AND EMPLOYEES  
226 N. Commerce

**Mrs. J. B. Miller**  
Real Estate & Rentals  
Phone 1580

**Electric Studio**  
AND EMPLOYEES  
117 N. Beaton

**O. A. Vaughan Service Station**  
AND EMPLOYEES  
601 W. Seventh Ave.

**Jack Megarity's Service Station**  
AND EMPLOYEES  
521 W. Second Ave.

**John C. Hughes Grocery & Market**  
1823 W. Collin

**Two Sisters Cafe**  
AND ENTIRE PERSONNEL  
109 E. Third Ave.

**S. P. Cafe**  
Mrs. Ewing and Mrs. Pilgrim,  
Owners.  
AND EMPLOYEES  
110 W. Sixth Ave.

**Davis-Jester Tyson & Dawson Attorneys**  
State National Bank Bldg.

**Claude L. Milburn Attorney**  
1101-2 W. Collin

**Poarch Service Station**  
AND EMPLOYEES  
424 N. Commerce

**Dr. Waters Clinic**  
AND ENTIRE STAFF  
405 W. Seventh Ave.

**J. B. Jones Market**  
AND EMPLOYEES  
321 N. Beaton

**Corsicana Public Library**  
AND STAFF  
302 W. Collin

**The Jackson Store**  
GROCERY & MARKET  
And Employees  
122 S. Twelfth St.

**J. A. Penney**  
IMPLEMENT COMPANY  
And Employees  
110 E. Sixth Ave.

**Waddell Abstract Company**  
AND ENTIRE STAFF  
120 W. Fifth Ave.

**Justice Rooming House**  
305 W. Seventh Ave.

**Taylor & McWilliams Attorneys**  
1161-2 W. Fifth Ave.

**Pleas U Candy Co.**  
AND EMPLOYEES  
108 N. Commerce

**Harry Bruton's**  
GULF SERVICE STATION  
And Employees  
South on Highway 75

**Oaks Golf Course**  
J. Q. Hickson and Personnel  
On Highway 75 North

**H. D. Beauchamp Company**  
GROCERY & MARKET  
And Employees  
1101 S. Seventh Street  
On Highway 75 South

**Morris Cone Shop**  
AND EMPLOYEES  
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GROCERY & MARKET  
And Employees  
720 S. Fourteenth Street

**Navarro County Electric Co-Op, Inc.**  
Your REA Project!  
AND ENTIRE PERSONNEL  
214 N. Main  
Corsicana, Texas

**Alton H. Eddins**  
SERVICE STATION  
And Employees  
423 N. Main



## EUROPEAN WAR

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gave had joined them within the ranks of Tito's peasant army.

The new Russian offensive drove the last Germans from the great Dnieper dam site and freed 20 towns.

Signs multiplied that Marshal Von Manstein's depleted German ranks were fleeing in confusion from the Kiev bulge. Many surrendered.

Vatutin in a week had won back most of the gains made by Von Manstein in nearly two months of violent counterattacks west of Kiev and the German had spent his tanks and reserves in vain.

The Berlin attack was the eighth heavy assault in six weeks and the 90th attack of the war. Upwards of 11,000 long tons had made Berlin the most heavily bombed city in all history since mid-November.

The raid ranked among the heaviest ever mounted and provoked such comments as one of a Swedish correspondent:

"We now live in an immense ruin in which there is nothing more to bomb."

## Jap Diplomat Been Recalled From Russia

By The Associated Press.  
Funao Miyakawa, first secretary of the Japanese embassy in Russia, has been recalled, the Berlin radio said today in a Tokyo dispatch.

The brief announcement contained no hint of any deterioration in relations between the two countries which are at peace under a non-aggression pact.

The reason for the recall was not given.

Miyakawa was a specialist assigned to represent Japanese interests in a long series of negotiations over incidents along the Siberian-Manchurian border.

The Russians protested to him when a Soviet gunboat was sunk in a clash with Japanese forces on the Amur river in June, 1937.

He presented the Japanese counter-claim in Moscow.

The following March, he protested about activities of Russian troops in the Far East.

In September, 1938, he negotiated with the Russian foreign office after a far eastern border clash.

Churchill Fully Recovered.  
LONDON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill disclosed today in a cheerful message issued through No. 10 Downing Street that he has recovered from his attack of pneumonia and is "able to transact business fully."

Gen. Marshall "Man of Year."  
NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—(AP)—George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the United States army, is Time Magazine's 1943 "Man of the Year."

The magazine gives its designation annually to the person whose life it deems most significant of the year, on the basis of reader nominations, as the one who had effected the most dramatic change in the course of history during the preceding year.

Others considered this year, Time said, were Prime Minister Churchill, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Premier Stalin and President Roosevelt.

To Limit Telephone Calls.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Special devices will be placed on all Hungarian public telephones by government order to limit calls to five minutes, the Budapest radio said in a broadcast reported today by U. S. government reporters.

French Sabotage.  
BARCELONA, Dec. 30.—(AP)—French saboteurs have wrecked the main German Atlantic coast railway line near the town of Pons, north of Bordeaux, reports reaching Barcelona said today.

The sabotage occurred on Dec. 27 and was not discovered until the Bordeaux-Paris express, which turns north at Pons, crashed into a freight train which already had been derailed.

U. S. Ship Sinks.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The navy announced today that a medium sized United States merchant vessel was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine in the Caribbean in mid-September. Survivors have been landed at Miami.

Deny Spain Has Acted.  
MADRID, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Authorized Spanish sources denied flatly today that Spain has recognized Benito Mussolini's new fascist government in Italy as claimed Tuesday night in a Berlin broadcast.

These sources added that Generalissimo Francisco Franco's government has no intention of recognizing the Italian puppet regime.

Relieved of Command.  
ALGIERS, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Because he permitted a memorial to Jean Darlan's repose, Admiral Garvais De La Font, commandant of the Algerian navy station, has been relieved of his command and placed on the retired list by the French National Committee, it was learned today.

Bomb Japanese.  
CHUNKING, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Japanese installations and shipping in French Indo-China and in the Tungting Lake area of central China have been bombed without loss, communiques from Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell said today.

In a raid of 36 Japanese planes on a forward base in China Monday, American fliers destroyed five Zeros, probably destroyed two more, one plane was shot down and the pilot parachuted to safety, and another aircraft was destroyed on the ground.

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## HEALTH, BEAUTY AND POISE

HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR PERSONALITY  
By VERONICA DENGEL

VOGUE FOR OLD-FASHIONED THINGS.

It is strange how old-fashioned things which we have put away because they were too good to throw away can suddenly come back into vogue again. In our grandmothers' time they were called "reticules"; in our mothers' time "party bags"; and in our time "vanity bags." Then we put them away in favor of flat underarm envelopes in all sizes and shapes for both daytime and evening wear, or we used leathers or fabrics shirred on a wooden frame.

Then, to accommodate so many girls in service, the big pouch bags came on the scene and the natural sequence is what we find as the latest vogue in evening bags. Small draw-string pouches in colored satin or sometimes in black lavishly embroidered and even in metal cloth, scarce as they are. Leslie Brooks (Columnist) feature player soon to appear in "Cover Girl" uses a red satin bag as the sharp color contrast with her long dinner dress. For

duration parties, it is wisest to keep your long gowns for only the most formal affairs. Short frocks with above-the-waistline interest seem far more appropriate for everything but the biggest of parties.

So if you have a tiny reticule or a party bag or a vanity bag tucked away somewhere, get it out and see if you can't use it. Another very new note is the old-fashioned silver mesh bag. I saw an enormously smart flat envelope with two little silver mesh bags hung from the closing—a decidedly novel idea—and we're all open to new ideas in the Dnieper, opposite Zaporozh, dispatches reported. This drive was apparently heading for Nikolai, chief source of Germany's sorely needed manganese, 25 miles southwest.

Today's German communiques as broadcast from Berlin, acknowledged that "Korosten was evacuated after bitter fighting." Near Vitebsk, it said, "renewed breakthrough attempts of the Soviets were frustrated by embittered resistance of German troops. Local dents were sealed off or ironed out in counterattacks."

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miles northeast of that equally important junction on the western Ukraine rail network.

Nowhere were there any signs that Marshal Fritz von Manstein's thoroughly disorganized army would be able to stem the tumultuous Soviet onslaught short of the Bug river.

On the southern front, inside the Dnieper River Bend, Gen. Rodion Malinovsky's Third Ukrainian army, in a supporting drive, second in importance only to Vatutin's offensive, struck westward across the river from Zaporozh in a nine-mile advance that completely re-established the great Dnieper dam to Russian hands.

Zaporozh itself, 46 miles south of Dnepropetrovsk, was captured on Oct. 14. Today's thrust liberated more than 20 towns, including Khorostiv, located in the Dnieper, opposite Zaporozh, dispatches reported. This drive was apparently heading for Nikolai, chief source of Germany's sorely needed manganese, 25 miles southwest.

Today's German communiques as broadcast from Berlin, acknowledged that "Korosten was evacuated after bitter fighting." Near Vitebsk, it said, "renewed breakthrough attempts of the Soviets were frustrated by embittered resistance of German troops. Local dents were sealed off or ironed out in counterattacks."

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